മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസഫ് സി. ചിറയത്ത്: റേഷൻകാർഡ് വിതരണം, ചെക്കിങ്ങ്, സ്റ്റാറിസ്റ്റിക്സ്, എന്നിങ്ങനെയുള്ള ജോലികൾ വേതനം കൂടാതെ നടത്തുന്നതിന് സാധാരണയായി ഉപയോഗിക്കാവുന്ന കക്ഷികളാണ് അദ്ധ്യാപകന്മാർ എന്ന ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്ന ബോദ്ധ്യമുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*) : They were doing this in addition to their normal duties.

Mr. Joseph C. Chirayath *(Nellayi)*: Were not instructions issued to the teachers that some remuneration would be paid to them for this extra work?

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam)*: May I know, Sir, whether teachers have the right to decline this work?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*) : Of course it was thought that they will not decline to take up this additional work.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam)*: What was the reason for selecting teachers for this work?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: They were selected for census work and we thought they would be more helpful.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Was it because of the fact that they were the most honest persons who could be relied upon to do this responsible work?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes, it was thought they could be relied on or to do the work.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസഫ് സി. ചിറയത്ത്: വെറുതെ ഗ്രോസ്സ്മീൻ ആണെന്നുമാത്രം പറഞ്ഞാൽ അദ്ധ്യാപകന്മാരുടെ വയറു നിറയുമെന്ന ഗവൺമെണ്ടു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It has to be said that the Headmaster has to check the list prepared by the teachers and he has to submit the report to the Assistant Supply Officer. If one or two teachers did not furnish the full information there would be delay and so there was some delay in getting the final report.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസഫ് സി. ചിറയത്ത്: ഇത്രവണ എന്തെങ്കിലും മാണേറിയം കൊടുക്കേതാണെന്ന ഗവൺമെണ്ടു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Unfortunately it was necessary that the names of all the persons who worked should be forwarded to Government as the Comptroller of Accounts insisted upon the same.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether requests for exemption from this work for sufficient grounds was given to any case?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes. Where exemptions have been granted substitutes were also been appointed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: In that case did not the Government know the total number of teachers deputed for this work before the first day on which the process was started.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes. But that information will not always be available here. That information will be available only if the Headmaster makes the report.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Before the work is started whether the authority concerned is now in possession of the total number of hands engaged.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It will be available only to the authority under whom the teachers worked and not the departmental head.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: The question seems to proceed, Sir, from a feeling that the Government have fully remunerated these teachers. Government feel that such obligations can never be fully remunerated. This only I consider as a token of appreciation rather than anything else. And speaking for the teachers I may say they have made large sacrifices for which they did not expect any return.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam)*: When was this decision to pay bonus was taken?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: When the scheme was sanctioned.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I rest assured there will not be a recurrence of this nature if unfortunately we have to conduct another checking.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

26. **Mr. P. Narayana Menon** *(Trippunithura)*: Will Government be pleased to state,—

(a) when were the ration cards checked last by the Food Department;

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(b) what was the result of the checking;

(c) were the teachers employed for that purpose paid allowance; if so, when and what was the amount?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(a) The checking of the ration cards was conducted during the period from 14th Makaram 1120 (27th January 1945) to 17th Makaram 1120 (30th January 1945).

(b) The total quantity of ration per day was reduced by 26,489 units.

(c) No. An allowance of Rs. 5 has been sanctioned to each of the checking officers. Since the exact amount of expenditure involved could not be fixed and sanctioned without ascertaining the number of teachers entrusted with the work and verifying their claims, there was some delay to disburse the allowance. The allowance will be paid soon.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഇതിൽ അദ്ധ്യാപകന്മാർ ജോലിചെയ്തു ശരിയായിട്ടില്ലെന്നു പറഞ്ഞുവല്ലൊ. അവർ ഇത്രത്തോളം ജോലികൾ ചെയ്യണമെന്നു ക്ലിപ്തപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നുവെന്നും പറഞ്ഞു. ആ ജോലിക്കു് ഇവർ ഓരോരുത്തർക്കും ഈ അലൗൻസിക മതിയെന്നു വെക്കുവാനുണ്ടായ കാരണമെന്താണു്?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* We have already paid eight hundred and odd teachers.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: അങ്ങിനെയൊന്നു കണ്ടേക്കാമെന്നു് ഇപ്പോൾ തോന്നുവാനുണ്ടായ കാരണമെന്താണു്?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Of course. The allowance was not made depend upon the quantum of work.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: അതിലേക്കു കൂടുതൽ കിട്ടേണ്ടതുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഇതിനേക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ കൊടുക്കാമെന്നു ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനു തോന്നുമോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* We also grow wiser.

"COMPTROLLER OF ACCOUNTS"

27. Miss Annie Joseph *(Trichur—Women):* Will Government be pleased to state the basis on which the expression "Comptroller" of Accounts came into being?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* The expression "Comptroller", means the authority who computes and checks the account. There does not appear to be any particular reason for choosing the expression here. In Mysore also the same term is used.

Miss Annie Joseph *(Trichur-Women):* My doubt is this. I just want to know if the term Comptroller is right or wrong. Because in the Oxford Dictionary I find it is mis-spelling of Controller. First it was Comptroller; now it is Controller.

Mr. President: I think if the Hon'ble Member will consult a larger Dictionary she would find that this is a perfectly correct form. It may be rather more antiquated, but it is perfectly correct.

Miss Annie Joseph *(Taichur-Women):* I consulted half a dozen Dictionaries, but I did not find anything.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member is not asking for the information but she is giving it.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Industrial Satistics Bill

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I move that the Industrial Statistics Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried.

General discussion on the Budget

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I rise to a point of parliamentary enquiry before we start the general discussion, that is, whether there would be any time limit for speeches, since there are very many new Hon'ble Members, a good many of whom will be anxious to make their maiden speeches. Is it not desireable to fix a time limit for speeches?

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